

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: LIU *et al.* Examiner: Mulpuri, Savitri
Serial No.: 10/590,223 Group Art Unit: 2812
Filed: August 21, 2006 Docket No.: STFD.071US
(S03-201US)
Allowed: October 6, 2008 Confirmation No.: 6969
Title: CRYSTALLINE-TYPE DEVICE AND APPROACH THEREFOR

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE
c/o Technology Center 2800
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Customer No.
40581

Dear Sir:

The Examiner's statement for allowance could be construed to imply that the claimed invention was allowed because the references of record did not disclose certain aspects of the claimed invention. The characterized aspects, however, if indeed could be found in the prior art, would not render the claimed invention invalid under §102 because the claimed invention includes a number of other limitations. With respect to §103, the rigors of establishing a *prima facie* case of obviousness include not only showing that the prior art teaches the entire claimed invention (all limitations are to be considered), but also that combining the various prior art references is suggested in the art or that there would be motivation to make the combination. The reasons provided do not appear to be necessarily inconsistent herewith.

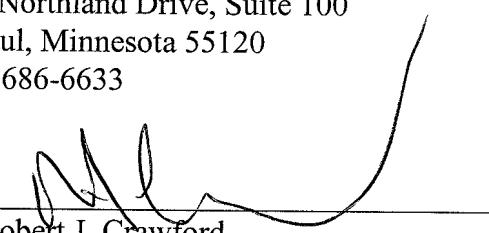
App. Serial No. 10/590,223
Docket No. STFD.071US
Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Page 2 of 2

Unless Applicant hears otherwise, Applicant's comments herein are, as intended, clarifying in a manner consistent with the law.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAWFORD MAUNU PLLC
1150 Northland Drive, Suite 100
St. Paul, Minnesota 55120
(651) 686-6633

By: 

Robert J. Crawford
Reg. No.: 32,122